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Dear Mr. Sessions,

I am a pecan grower of 150 acres in Lee Co., Georgia. I am also president of the Georgia Pecan Growers Association and a retired County Extension Director. I have worked with pecans and pecan growers for the past 30 years. In this period of time I have seen the many ups and downs of the pecan market. It is my observation and opinion that we need a Country of Origin Labeling on pecans sold in the U.S.

With the increasing number of imports from other countries I believe the Country of Origin Labeling would help boost the consumers demand for pecans grown in the U.S. If given a choice between U.S. or foreign grown pecans it is also in my opinion that consumers would have a greater tendency to choose pecans grown by US growers.

Thank you for your time and effort in considering this request. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at 229-759-2933.

Sincerely,  
  
Roy D. Goodson.